

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **amend** paragraphs 0006, 0007, 0013 and 00015 to the following form:

a1 [0006] Briefly, and in general terms, the present invention resides in a method and apparatus for jewelry organization which satisfies the above-identified needs by storing and displaying several types of jewelry while preventing the jewelry from tangling. The jewelry organizer has a body capable of stacking which is specially designed to avoid tangling of jewelry items and to house all types of jewelry at once, in an appealing fashion.

[0007] More particularly, the method and apparatus for jewelry organization of the present invention includes a body having an upper and lower surface, and at least one compartment formed in the upper surface. Each compartment is defined as an endless channel sized to receive one or more items of jewelry. In a presently preferred embodiment, the channels may be formed concentrically to one another. The channels having the smallest circumferences can be used for holding small earrings, commonly stud or hoop earrings. The channels of medium length circumference can be used for watches, bracelets and other jewelry of similar length. A piece or strand of jewelry is placed in a channel of the length necessary to hold it. The channels having the larger diameters can be used for holding necklaces of varying lengths. Each piece of jewelry is matched to a channel of similar length so that the jewelry can be laid out along the path of the channel and does not mix or tangle with other pieces of jewelry. Alternatively, the compartment may form one continuous channel in a spiral configuration in which jewelry items, such as necklaces would be placed end-to-end.

a2 [0009] In a further aspect of the invention, the jewelry organizer may have a rim around the periphery of the outermost compartment. The rim may include a lip

which has a thickness less than the hook on a typical drop earring. This allows a drop earring to be hooked onto the lip. The rim also may have a substantially flat surface and a width sufficient to display the earrings on the rim once they are hooked onto the lip. Additionally, a person may place or display clip earring or pins on the substantially flat surface.

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A3 [0012] The drawings illustrate a presently preferred embodiment of the invention, in which:

FIG. 1 shows a perspective view of a jewelry organizer apparatus and method in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a top view of the jewelry organizer shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the jewelry organizer, taken along lines 3--3 in FIG. 2, showing how it stacks on additional jewelry organizers indicated in phantom;

FIG. 4 is an exploded perspective view of a jewelry organizer shown in combination with several other jewelry organizers; and

FIG. 5 is a top view of a second embodiment of a jewelry organizer in accordance with the present invention, depicting a channel in a spiral configuration.

AY [0013] Referring now to the drawings, and particularly to FIG. 1 thereof, the present invention is embodied in a jewelry organizer, generally indicated by reference numeral 10. The jewelry organizer can be made from a single piece of clay, plastic, wood, glass, cardboard or any other material capable of being fabricated into the design. The jewelry organizer has an upper surface 12 for storing and displaying all types of jewelry, such as a necklace 14, drop earrings 16, and a ring 18. The upper surface 12 defines a plurality of compartments 20 for holding the jewelry. Each compartment is an endless channel 22 which is sized to hold jewelry and keep it separate from other items of jewelry. A substantially flat rim 24 surrounds the periphery of the outermost channel or compartment 26 and allows drop earrings 16 to

be hooked or clip earrings 8 to be placed thereon. The jewelry organizer 10 has an upwardly protruding knob 28 for holding rings.

As referenced above with respect to FIGS. 1 and 2, the upper surface of the body has a plurality of compartments 20 defining endless channels 22. The channels are circular in shape and vary in diameter. The smaller diameter channels 34 lie within the channels having larger diameters 36. Thus, the channels are concentrically relative to each other and surround the knob. The number of channels can range from at least two up to eighteen or more, depending on the diameter of the jewelry organizer, the width of the channels, and the desired need.

Please add paragraph 0018.1 as follows:

[0018.1] With now reference to FIG. 5, another preferred embodiment of the present invention is depicted in a jewelry organizer 10' having a compartment 20' formed as a continuous channel in a spiral configuration centered about a knob 28'. In this embodiment, jewelry items, such as necklaces can be placed end-to-end in the spiral compartment and the jewelry organizer can be stacked and can otherwise be used as discussed with reference to other embodiments.